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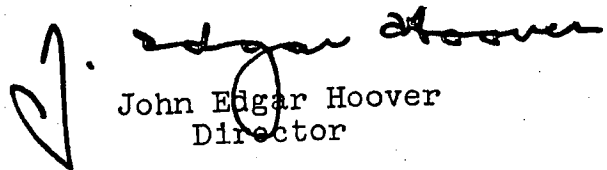
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

Dear Sir:

For your information, I am enclosing communications which may be of interest to you.

Very truly yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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San Francisco 2, California

May 7, 1963

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✓ JANIS ARNOLD ERNSTSON, aka  
Arnold Ernstson, Arnau Ernstson

On April 26, 1963, ED MONTGOMERY, reporter, San Francisco Examiner, telephonically advised that he had received an anonymous phone call advising him that ARNOLD ERNSTSON, 745 35th Avenue, San Francisco, is identical with an individual who is a Nazi war criminal, responsible for the deaths of thousands of Jews in Riga, Latvia, during World War II. MONTGOMERY stated that he could not vouch for the accuracy of this information and was passing it on for whatever it was worth.

On May 19, 1951, Reverend ARNOLD ERNSTSON, 767 Silver Avenue, San Francisco, advised Agents of the FBI that he was the pastor of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in San Francisco. He stated that he arrived in the United States on April 6, 1950, at the Port of New Orleans, Louisiana, and that his alien registration number was 7452723. He advised that he was born on October 28, 1909, and that he had lived in Latvia, until 1944. He stated that in 1944, when the Russians started to re-occupy Latvia for the second time, he fled to Germany because on June 13 and 14, 1941, all of his relatives had been taken to Siberia by the Russians. He added that this was during the first occupation of Latvia by the Russians, in World War II. He stated that between the first and second occupations of Latvia by the Russians in World War II, Latvia was occupied by the Germans. He stated that when he first went to Germany he lived in Gluckstadt, Germany, and that he lived in this town for three years. He stated that the next three years he spent in a displaced persons camp in Itzeho, Germany. He advised that he was then moved to a displaced persons transit camp in Wentorf, Germany, where he stayed about one year. He advised that Wentorf was near Hamburg, Germany.

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He declared that he was strongly anti-Communist and he desired to do anything that he could to fight Communism. He stated that his wife's name was HELEN ERNSTSON, and that she works in the United Airlines kitchen at the San Francisco Airport.

On August 29, 1951, Mrs. HELEN ERNSTSON, wife of ARNOLD ERNSTSON, advised that her father was a former Colonel in the Czarist Army.

In February, 1955, it was ascertained that Reverend ERNSTSON had moved to 747 35th Avenue, San Francisco.